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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for contacting Applicants' representative on September 9, 2004. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-19 would be allowable subject to correction of several informalities. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 15 and the Abstract are amended to address those informalities.

Claims 20-26 are also added by this Amendment. Independent claim 20 is similar to independent claims 1 and 10, and is written from the perspective of a network node in Applicants' system. It is submitted that claim 20, and claims 21-26 that depend therefrom, are allowable for at least those reasons supporting allowability of independent claims 1 and 10, and for the additional features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If further information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number below.

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